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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ROBICHAUD, Andre

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Examiner: Mark Osele

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For: TAPE DISPENSING SYSTEM WITH AUTOMATIC BACKING REMOVAL

To: Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Examiner:

OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 10/08/1999, for the above-referenced application, the Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration to the patent application. This response is timely filed within the 3 month statutory period.

The Examiner has allowed claims 1-16 as being patentable over the prior art references, and claims 18 - 20 are rejected.

Upon review of the Office Action, the Applicant wishes to accept the allowed subject matter for claims 1 - 16 without prejudice, which will bring this application in condition for allowance. Applicant accepts the allowed subject matter without making any admissions as to the accuracy of the Examiner's comments regarding the rejected claims.

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, does not introduce deficiencies or new matter, and respectfully requests its consideration and allowance. Applicant further requests that Examiner contact his attorney by telephone, email, or facsimile if there are any additional questions or the Examiner wishes to discuss any issues, questions, or comments that would facilitate and expedite the patent process.

All necessary fees relating to the attached submittal, if any, are intended to be included. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees relating to the attached submittal to the below listed deposit account, registered to Vernon C. Maine P.L.L.C., dba Maine & Asmus, contact telephone no. 603-886-6100.
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Respectfully submitted,



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